



# Combat Vehicle Engine Selection Methodology Based on Vehicle Integration Considerations

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# Engine Selection Methodology Outline

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- ❖ Definition of the Propulsion System for Military Applications
- ❖ Advanced Integrated Propulsion System (AIPS) Power Pack
- ❖ Assessment of the Overall System Power Density Potential
  - ❖ Cooling System and Parasitic Fan Power Sizing
  - ❖ Inlet and Exhaust System Impact
  - ❖ Mission Fuel Determination
  - ❖ Propulsion System Volume Estimates
- ❖ Conclusions





# Combat Vehicle Problem Power Dense Engine Not Sufficient

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Need high power density of complete propulsion system \*

- ❖ Engine
- ❖ Transmission including steering and brakes for tracked vehicle
- ❖ Cooling system
- ❖ Air filtration system
- ❖ Inlet and exhaust ducting
- ❖ Propulsion control system
- ❖ Accessory drive interfaces
- ❖ Batteries (for propulsion), wiring harnesses
- ❖ Fuel tanks and plumbing (sized for mission requirement)
- ❖ Final drives
- ❖ Maintenance access and clearances
- ❖ Unusable volume

\* Power pack is that subset of the propulsion system that lifts or rolls out for replacement or periodic checks. Typically includes engine, transmission, air filtration, cooling and control systems.



# Advanced Integrated Propulsion System (AIPS) Power Pack

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- ❖ Began in 1982 to replace Abrams Main Battle Tank propulsion system

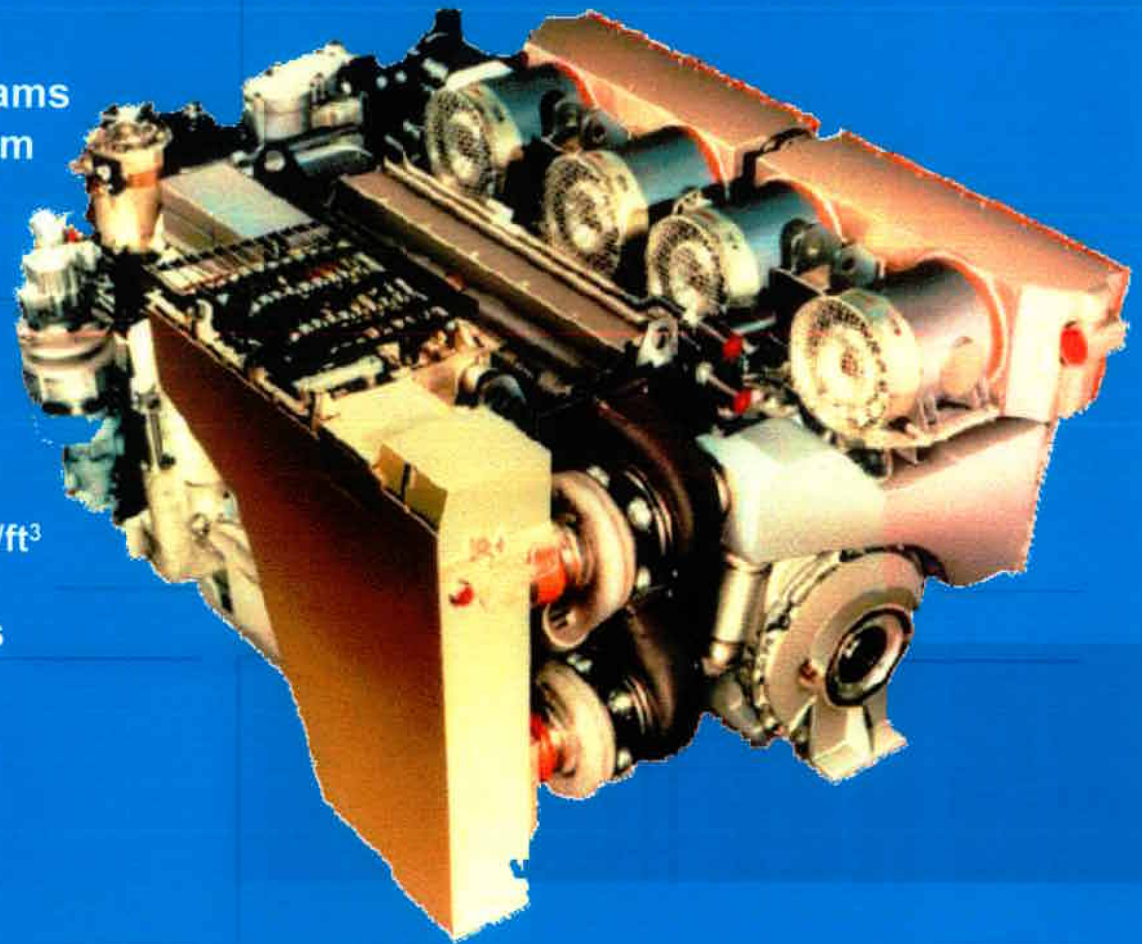
- ❖ Increased Power Density
- ❖ Improved Fuel Economy
- ❖ Improved Maintainability

- ❖ Power Density Comparison

- ❖ AIPS – 6 sprocket hp/ft<sup>3</sup>
- ❖ Abrams – 3.26 sprocket hp/ft<sup>3</sup>

- ❖ AIPS Evaluated Power Systems

- ❖ AIPS Turbine
- ❖ AIPS Diesel







# AIPS Turbine and Diesel Concentration

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- ❖ High Efficiency Components
- ❖ Dense Component Packaging
- ❖ Reduction of Parasitic Losses Throughout the System
- ❖ Engine Technologies Specific to the Diesel or Turbine types

## Turbine AIPS Efforts

- ❖ Higher Turbine Inlet Temp
- ❖ High Recuperator Effectiveness
- ❖ Reduced Pressure Losses
  - ❖ Reduced Air Consumption
  - ❖ Improved Fuel Efficiency

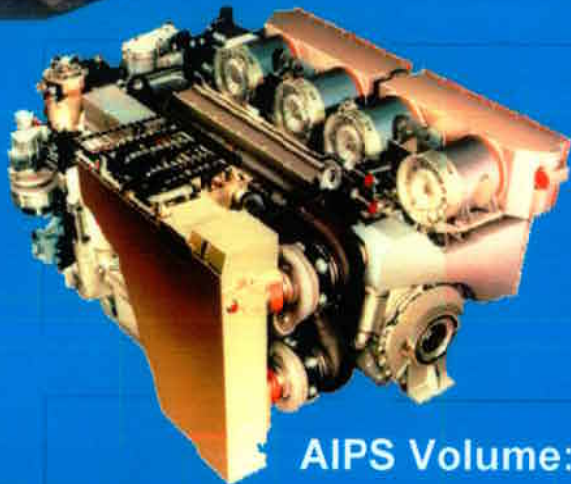
## Diesel AIPS Efforts

- ❖ Improved Engine Power Density
- ❖ Improved Fuel Consumption
- ❖ Low Heat Rejection
- ❖ Higher Coolant Temp Technologies



# Volumetric Comparison: AIPS and Abrams Engine

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AIPS Volume: 170 ft<sup>3</sup>

transmission = 20%

fuel tanks = 23%

Exhaust = 1%

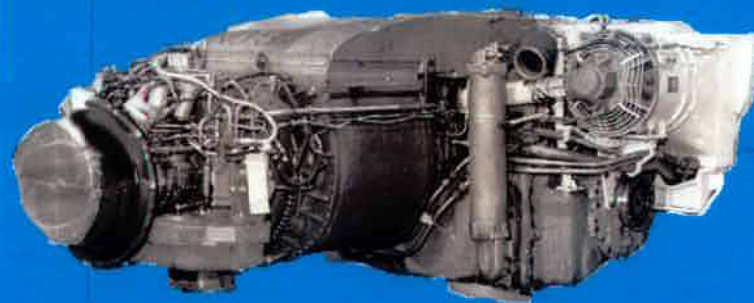
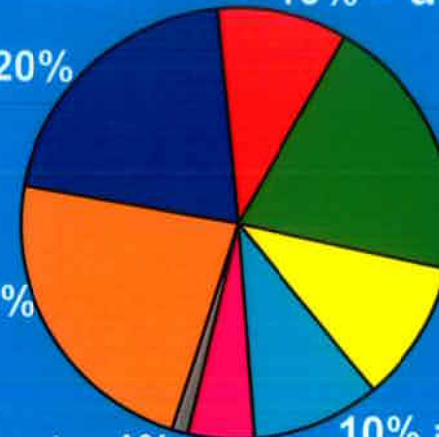
5% = air filter

10% = cooling

11% = batt/misc

20% = engine

10% = unused space



Abrams Volume: 291 ft<sup>3</sup>

transmission = 14%

fuel tanks = 26%

3% = exhaust

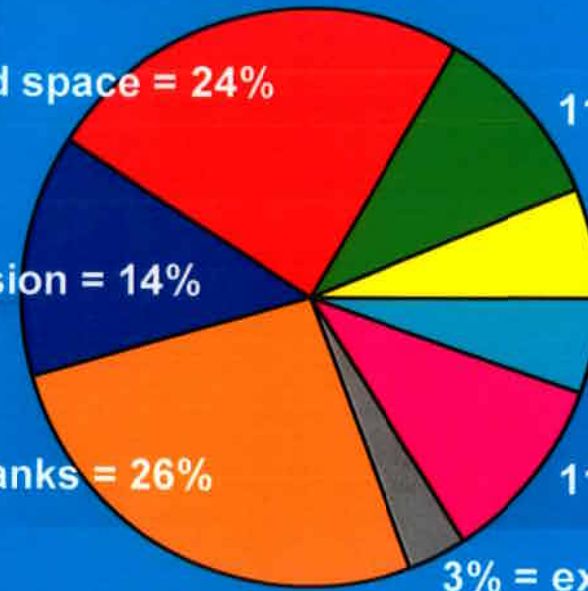
11% = air filter

5% = cooling

6% = batt/misc

11% = engine

unused space = 24%







# Power Density Differences

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## Primary Differences Between AIPS and Abrams Propulsion Systems

- Density of Packaging
- Air Consumption Differences
- Fuel Consumption Differences
- Heat Rejection Differences
- Parasitic Loss Differences

1 & 5 are primarily controlled by propulsion integrator and component supporters

2, 3 & 4 are primarily controlled by engine developer

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# AIPS vs. Marine Propulsion

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During AIPS development a new power dense diesel appears

## AIPS Diesel

- ❖ 1500 rated HP @ 2600 rpm
- ❖ 12 Cylinders
- ❖ 28 Liter Displacement
- ❖ 4 Stroke / Cycle
- ❖ Single Stage VG Turbocharger
- ❖ Synthetic Oil Cooling Fluid
- ❖ 340° F Max Coolant Temp Out
- ❖ Air to Oil After Cooling
- ❖ 34 ft<sup>3</sup> Engine Dunk Volume

## Marine Diesel

- ❖ 1500 rated HP @ 1800 rpm
- ❖ 3 Cylinders
- ❖ 7 Liter Displacement
- ❖ 2 Stoke / Cycle
- ❖ 3 Stage Turbocharger
- ❖ Water / Glycol Cooling Fluid
- ❖ 230° F Max Coolant Temp Out
- ❖ Air to H<sub>2</sub>O Jacket After Cooling
- ❖ 20 ft<sup>3</sup> Engine Dunk Volume

**New diesel smaller but system analysis shows AIPS diesel propulsion system more power dense based on cooling alone.**



# Manned Ground Vehicle Integration

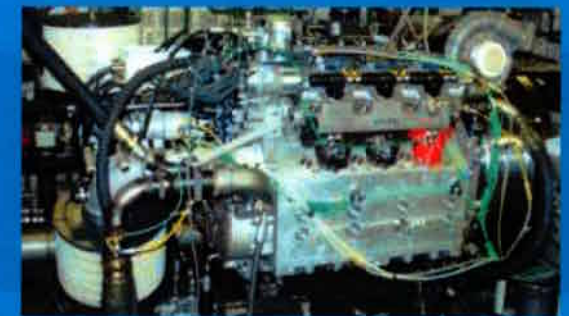
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## Early 2000s, Engine Program Development

- ❖ Known need for high power density propulsion system
- ❖ Unknown platform characteristics
  - ❖ Weight?
  - ❖ Front or Rear Propulsion?
  - ❖ Tracked or Wheeled Vehicle?
  - ❖ Power Pack Shape or Size?
- ❖ Engine development only – remainder of power pack later



Simple methodology developed for system power density potential considering only the engine development







# Methodology Descriptions

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## Methodology addresses:

- ❖ Certain engine characteristics
- ❖ Required cooling system impacts
- ❖ Inlet & exhaust duct impact
- ❖ Impact of required onboard fuel

## Methodology doesn't address:

- ❖ Potential tight packaging
- ❖ Opportunity for synergistic parasitic reductions

## Results in:

- ❖ System volume estimate
- ❖ Power density estimate





# Methodology Estimates Space Claims or Volumes

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Methodology involves estimating volumes for:

1. Engine
2. Transmission
3. Cooling System
4. Air Filtration System
5. Inlet & Exhaust Ducting
6. Controls
7. Miscellaneous
8. Batteries
9. Electrical Harness
10. Fuel System for Onboard Fuel
11. Final Drive
12. Clearance & Unusable Volumes

Sum of these = Propulsion System Volume

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# Methodology Estimates Net Available Power

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Methodology estimates net available power

- ❖ Engine Gross Horsepower
- ❖ Subtract Estimates For:
  - ❖ Installation Loss
  - ❖ Air Filter Scavenge Fan (if any)
  - ❖ Power Loss Due to Induction & Exhaust Restrictions
  - ❖ Transmission Power Losses
  - ❖ Final Drive Power Losses
- ❖ To Arrive at Estimated Net or Sprocket Horsepower





# Methodology Applied to 28 liter AIPS 4 Stroke vs. 7 liter Marine 2 Stroke

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Engine	AIPS Diesel Hot Day 6 In Core	7L 2 Stroke Hot Day 5.3 In Core	7L 2 Stroke Hot Day 7.5 In Core
<b>Engine / Application Characteristics</b>			
Engine [hp]	1500	1500	1500
Engine Dunk Volume [ft <sup>3</sup> ]	34	20	20
Engine Specific Heat Rejection [Btu / hp·min]	20	40	40
Engine Induction Air Flow [lbs / hr]	14400	18500	18500
BSFC at Full Power [lbs / hp·hr]	0.37	0.39	0.39
Engine Heat Rejection [Btu / min]	30000	60300	60300
Vehicle Weight [tons]	60	60	60
<b>Cooling System Size / Parasitic (Fan) Power Sizing</b>			
Heat Exchanger Type: Oil to Air or H <sub>2</sub> O to Air	Oil to Air	H <sub>2</sub> O to Air	H <sub>2</sub> O to Air
Power Pack Net Horsepower [hp]	1077.4	866.51	947.92
Fan Power [hp]	103.26	366.86	265.10
Cooling System Volume [ft <sup>3</sup> ]	25.80	64.15	60.31





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<b>Inlet and Exhaust System Impact</b>			
Air filter System Size [ft <sup>3</sup> ]	10	12.85	12.85
Inlet and Exhaust System Volume [ft <sup>3</sup> ]	2.06	2.64	2.64
Installation Loss (Intake and Exhaust Loss) [hp]	50.00	50.00	50.00



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<b>Mission Fuel Determination @ 60 Net hp*hr / ton</b>			
Gallons Fuel (for 60 net hp-hrs/ton) [gallons]	266.91	349.81	319.77
Weight of Fuel [lbs]	1780.29	2333.21	2132.83
Volume of Fuel [ft <sup>3</sup> ]	35.68	46.76	42.75





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<b>Propulsion System Volume Estimate</b>			
Total Propulsion System Volume [ft <sup>3</sup> ]	177.32	224.24	212.19
Sprocket Power [hp]	1055.85	849.18	928.96
Propulsion Power Density [sprocket hp / ft <sup>3</sup> ]	5.95	3.79	4.38



# Conclusions

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- ❖ The most power dense engine doesn't always provide the most power dense system.
- ❖ Widely different prime power systems like diesel or turbine engines, fuel cells or alternative fuel engines can be fairly compared on a system to system basis.
- ❖ Similar approach can be used to evaluate other concerns like weight or affordability.







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